



## MD DNR Shellfish Aquaculture Financial Assistance Program Open House Questionnaire

**Thank you for attending the open house. Please take a moment to fill out this important questionnaire. We will use the information collected from participants to make important decisions on how the program will be structured and implemented.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently hold a: \_\_\_ bottom lease \_\_\_ water column lease

If yes, lease location \_\_\_\_\_

If not, do you plan to apply for a: \_\_\_ bottom lease \_\_\_ water column lease \_\_\_ AEZ lease

What is your experience with shellfish aquaculture not including wild harvest? (circle one)

1-2 yrs    3-5 yrs    5-10 yrs    10-20 yrs    20-30 yrs    more than 30 yrs

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1. If you could only choose one, which item would you prefer to receive financial assistance for? (circle one)

1) shell    2) seed oysters or spat on shell    3) seed clams    4) cages/floats    5) other (please specify)

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2. What is the *minimum* funding level that you would consider useful for aquaculture-related expenses? (circle one)

1) \$1,000    2) \$5,000    3) \$10,000    4) \$50,000    5) other (please specify)

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3. What is your goal for shellfish production annually?

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4. The DNR will be reclaiming old oyster shell from various locations in the Chesapeake Bay. If you are interested in buying this oyster shell for stabilizing your oyster lease bottom, how many bushels (or cubic yards) would you want to buy? (Approximately 2240 bu covers one acre with one inch of shell):

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5. Where would you want us to make these shells available for pick up? Please specify either on shore or on barges and location(s). Please be as specific as possible:

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6. In order to reduce the cost of oyster spat on shell, the DNR and Oyster Recovery Partnership (ORP) will be investing in remote setting sites to be used by leaseholders to set their own eyed larvae on oyster shell. These are the locations we are planning for spring 2011:

<input type="checkbox"/> Patuxent Naval Recreation Center	<input type="checkbox"/> DNR property at Piney Point
<input type="checkbox"/> Harris Seafood at Grasonville	<input type="checkbox"/> DNR property at Deal Island
<input type="checkbox"/> DNR property at Crisfield	

Please mark the location you are most interested in using for remote setting next year.

If none of these, where would you be interested in having one located?

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7. The University of Maryland will be holding a comprehensive two-day shellfish aquaculture seminar November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. Would you be interested in attending this seminar. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, why not?

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8. What is your number one concern about pursuing aquaculture in the State of Maryland.

<input type="checkbox"/> Financial assistance	<input type="checkbox"/> Competition
<input type="checkbox"/> Resources (seed, shell, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Theft/Enforcement
<input type="checkbox"/> Training	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain)
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical help	<hr/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Marketing	<hr/>

9. Do you find DNR Open Houses helpful?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please tell us what aspects of the open house are helpful and what aspects could be improved.

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